GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1864
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2008
FREE TRAFFIC SYSTEM ON EXPRESSWAY
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has recently announced some special measures to introduce Free-Traffic-System on Expressway and some National Highways in the country for tackling the problem of traffic jam as reported in Dainik Jagran Dated February 17, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the problem of traffic jam is being faced by various States including Jharkhand and Bihar;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): The newspaper article published in Delhi Edition of Dainik Jagran,dated 17.02.2008 is regarding traffic jam on recently opened to traffic,Delhi-Gurgaon section of National Highway No. 8.The Concessionaire who has developed this project on Built, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis has recently announced several measures to avoid waiting period/long queues at toll plazas.However,Government has not announced any special measures to introduce free traffic system on the Expressway and some National Highways in the country.

(c) to (e): Traffic congestion in some sections of National Highways is due to inadequate capacity for the present day traffic. For giving relief to traffic congestion, National Highways are being widened depending upon availability of funds and inter-se priority of other works.For reducing traffic jam at check barriers, States/U.Ts have been advised to have an integrated check post at entry point at inter-state border.